



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jerome MacDonald

Combat Medic

U.S. Staff Sgt. Jerome MacDonald was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1997, and then attended basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla., for the Mission Occupational Specialty of 13B, Canon Crewmember. Upon graduating from basic training, MacDonald was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division on Ft. Hood, Texas. He served there for three years.

In 2000, MacDonald re-enlisted to become a mental health specialist and reported to Ft. Sam Houston for training. He also trained as a combat medic. He was selected as the distinguished honor graduate for his combat medic class, and was assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for the rest of his second three year enlistment. During this time, the events of September 11th, 2001, occurred and he responded to the Pentagon crash site as part of a medical/psychiatric team.

In 2004, MacDonald was assigned to the 566th Area Support Medical Company, Ft. Hood, Texas. Six months later, he deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq, where he provided routine and emergency health care to allied forces as well as over 8,000 detainees.

MacDonald redeployed in February 2006, and has remained at Ft. Hood. He is married and has two children.

